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Recruitment

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1. In October 1953 the class of 1934 was called to active duty. At the same time all troops completing two years of service were discharged. The government also announced that hereafter the tour of duty for all branches except infantry will be extended from two to three years. Those serving in infantry will continue to serve for two years.

Border Guard Units

2. There are four pursuit brigades with headquarters in Sarande, Korce, Kukes and Shkoder. These headquarters are directly under the Border Directorate of the Ministry of Interior.<sup>1</sup>

## a. 4 Pursuit Brigade, Sarande

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This brigade has four battalions deployed in the following localities; Vlone, Himare, Konispol and Gjorgucat. Each battalion headquarters consists of one full company. Other troops in the battalion are divided into smaller units for each guard post.

## b. 1 Pursuit Brigade, Korce

This brigade has four battalions deployed in the following localities; Librak, Pogradec, Bilisht, and Leskovik.

## c. 3 Pursuit Brigade, Shkoder

This brigade has three battalions deployed in the following localities; Durres, Koplik, and Vermosh.

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25 YEAR RE-REVIEW

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Training of Border Guard Troops

3. The border guard training center is located at Karaja. This training center was transferred from Tirana in October 1953.
4. The training period is 3 months. During the first 15 days, recruits are drilled in the school of a soldier and other basic military subjects. In the second 15 day period instructions in the manual of arms and theory and use of automatic weapons are given. During the third 15 day period, recruits are taken to the firing range where they fire 4 cartridges in each of three orders of firing. In the first order of fire, weapons are fired at a distance of 100 meters from the target; in the second and third order, weapons are fired at a distance of 200 meters. After completing the first three phases of training, recruits are then given unit training in platoon, company, and battalion tactical exercises.

The Border Directorate School

5. The Border Directorate School is located approximately 3 - 4 kilometers southeast of Tirana on the Tirana-Elbasan highway.
6. The following officers are on the staff and faculty of the school:
  - Commanding Officer - Captain Esat BRESANI
  - Staff Officer - Lieutenant Muharem Sadil, from Korce
  - Training Officer - Lieutenant Fadil Fifo
  - Assistant Training Officer - Warrant Officer Abedin Shehu
  - Instructor in Telephones - Lieutenant Alius Celia, from Lushnje
  - Enlightenment Officer (sic) - Second Lieutenant Tahir Tagia, from Premeti
  - Instructor of non-commissioned officers - Warrant Officer Bece Tapolari, from Korce.
7. Students are selected from among border guard units and must have completed the fourth grade of public school. Wireless operators are trained for 10 months. They begin with the morse code and progress at the rate of three letters a week. At the same time, they are taught nomenclature and the use of the following wireless sets: RBM, Russian Model; 12-RP Russian model; Torfv-BL, German model; Torfv-D2, German model; and Vireles Sed 22, English model (sic). This schedule of training is repeated and continued until the 9th month at which time emphasis is placed on operational use of the wireless.
8. In January 1953, 200 new students entered the school of which 100 were trained to be non-commissioned officers, 40 to be telephone operators and 40 to be wireless operators.<sup>2</sup> In August 1953 an additional 100 students entered the school.

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